

JUNE 20, 2012

Virginia: At a Special Meeting of the Council for the Town of Chatham, held in the Chatham Volunteer Fire Department at 7:00 PM on June20, 2012.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice-Mayor

Council Members: Janet Bishop, William Black, Roy Byrd, and Andrew Wall.

Absent: Alvin Crider

Present: Attorney Larry Gott

Council on motion of Black and seconded by Thompson approved the agenda as presented.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Wall, Thompson, Byrd, Black, and Bishop.

Mayor Rogers reported that a public hearing was held at 6:30 PM at the CVFD on this same date to receive public comment on the proposed budget for the Town of Chatham. No resident citizens appeared before that hearing.

Council Finance Committee Chair Roy Byrd said that the total budget for the fiscal year 7-1-2012/6-30-2013 is \$2,516,000.00 including the balance of the water plant improvement grant from the VA Tobacco Commission in the amount of \$390,000.00. The water grant includes a \$100,000.00 investment by the Town. The budget includes a state mandated 7% pay increase to comply with a new law that municipal employees participating in the Virginia Retirement System effective July 1, 2012 begin paying a full 5% share of their retirement. Included is also a Christmas bonus for employees. The budget includes \$60k for a new crew shop building on Spruce Hill. The various tax rates and trash collection fees will remain unchanged. In addition, the fee to purchase a cemetery plot is \$750.00.

The budget includes an increase in the out-of-town water rate in the amount of \$1.31 per 1000 gallons. The new total rate is \$7.14 per thousand with a minimum quarterly cost of \$64.26 for 9000 gallons. This will increase total water revenue by approximately \$55k per year for future capital growth.

On a motion by the Finance Committee the budget for 2012-2013 for the Town of Chatham including the pay increase and resolving to have employees pay the 5% VRS contribution for retirement was approved by council.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Black, Byrd, Thompson, Wall, and Bishop.

On the motion from the Finance Committee council approved the change to Town code 13.08.010 reflecting the increase in the out-of-town water rate to \$7.14 per 1000 gallons.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Thompson, Bishop, Byrd, Wall, and Black.

Having no further business council was adjourned.

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Mayor

Attest: